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His Excellency Lucio Garcia del Solar
Ambassador of Argentina to the United States
Embassy of Argentina
1600 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

First of all, let me welcome you to Washington and say that I look forward to meeting you soon. I feel that I developed an excellent relationship with your predecessor and look forward to doing the same with you. I want you to know that my door is always open to you; whenever you see things that I should do in the interests of Argentine-United States relations, I hope you will feel free to call.

One of the difficult subjects I had to discuss with your predecessor was that of political prisoners and disappeared persons in Argentina. As you can imagine, I frequently receive requests to intercede on behalf of those people, and I want to do whatever I can to help. Therefore, I hope I may feel free to bring these cases to your attention and to ask you to convey my concerns to your Government.

I am especially concerned about Mauricio Fabian Weinstein and Cecilia Laura Minervini. Mauricio Fabian Weinstein was detained on April 18, 1978. He was 18 years old. A year later a released prisoner contacted Mr. Weinstein's family with news about their son. That was the last time his family received news from him. The case has been presented to the OAS, number 3807.

Cecilia Laura Minervini was detained on August 10, 1977. She was 20 years old. Her identity numbers are: CI 8.066.982 P.F. and DNI 13.132.973.

Thank you very much for your assistance and I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Barnes

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Chairman

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